

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

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based. One useful aqueous liquid medium is that derived from saline, for example, a conventional saline solution or a conventional buffered saline solution. The aqueous liquid medium preferably has a pH in the range of about 4 or about 6 to about 9 or about 10, more preferably about 6 to about 8. In one embodiment, liquid medium preferably has a ophthalmically acceptable tonicity level, for example, of at least about 200 mOsmol/kg, more preferably in the range of about 200 to about 600 mOsmol/kg.

In order to insure that the pH of the aqueous liquid medium is maintained within the desired range, the aqueous liquid medium may include at least one buffer component. It is preferred that the buffer component be inorganic. Alkali metal and alkaline earth metal buffer components are advantageously used in the present invention.

Any suitable ophthalmically acceptable tonicity component or components may be employed, provided that such component or components are compatible with the other ingredients of the liquid medium and do not have deleterious or toxic properties which could harm the human or animal to whom the present compositions are administered. Example of useful tonicity components include sodium chloride, potassium chloride, mannitol, dextrose, glycerin, propylene glycol and mixtures thereof. In one embodiment, the